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Hioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.

MILECULE, THERE HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO THE

## Secretary of Agriculture

AN APPLICATION REQUESTING A CERTIFICATE OF PROTECTION FOR AN ALLEGED DISTINCT VARIETY OF SEXUALLY REPRODUCED, OR TUBER PROPAGATED PLANT, THE NAME AND DESCRIPTION OF WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN THE APPLICATION AND EXHIBITS, A COPY OF WHICH IS HEREUNTO ANNEXED AND MADE A PART HEREOF, AND THE VARIOUS REQUIREMENTS OF LAW IN SUCH CASES MADE AND PROVIDED HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH, AND THE TITLE THERETO IS, FROM THE RECORDS OF THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE, IN THE APPLICANT(S) INDICATED IN THE SAID COPY, AND WHEREAS, UPON DUE EXAMINATION MADE, THE SAID APPLICANT(S) IS (ARE) ADJUDGED TO BE ENTITLED TO A CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW.

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION IS TO GRANT UNTO THE SAID APPLICANT(S) AND THE SUCCESSORS, HEIRS OR ASSIGNS OF THE SAID APPLICANT(S) FOR THE TERM OF TWENTY YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THIS GRANT, SUBJECT TO THE PAYMENT OF THE REQUIRED FEES AND PERIODIC REPLENISHMENT OF VIABLE basic seed of the variety in a public repository as provided by LAW, the right to exclude others ROM SELLING THE VARIETY, OR OFFERING IT FOR SALE, OR REPRODUCING IT, OR IMPORTING IT, OR EXPORTING IT, CONDITIONING IT FOR PROPAGATION, OR STOCKING IT FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE PURPOSE, OR USING IT IN ucing a hybrid or different variety therefrom, to the extent provided by the PLANT VARIETY CTION ACT. (84 STAT. 1542, AS AMENDED, 7 U.S.C. 2321 ET SEQ.)

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'PH1BC'

In Testimony Macrost, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Plant Buriety Arotection Office to be affixed at the City of Washington, D.C. this thirtieth day of January,

in the year two thousand two.

Plant Variety Protection Office Agricultural Marketing Service

The undersigned owner(s) is(are) the owner of this sexually reproduced or tuber propagated plant variety, and believe(s) that the variety is new, distinct, uniform, and stable as required in Section 42, and is entitled to protection under the provisions of Section 42 of the Plant Variety Protection Act.

Owner(s) Is(are) informed that false representation herein can jeopardize protection and results in penalties.

SIGNATURE OF OWNER SIGNATURE OF OWNER luen NAME (Please print or type) NAME (Please print or type Steven R. Anderson CAPACITY OR TITLE DATE **CAPACITY OR TITLE** 5/4/2000 Senior Research

Associate

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## **INSTRUCTIONS**

GENERAL: To be effectively filed with the Plant Variety protection Office (PVPO), ALL of the following items must be received in the PVPO: (1) Completed application form signed by the owner; (2) completed Exhibits A,B,C,E; (3) for a seed reproduced variety at least 2,500 viable untreated seeds, for a hybrid variety sy Irsdy 2,500 untreated seeds of each line necessary to reproduce the variety, or for tuber reproduced varieties verification that a viable (in the sense that it will reproduce an entire plant) tissue culture will be deposited and maintained in a approved public repository; (4) check drawn on a U.S. bank for \$2,450 (\$300 filing fee and \$2,150 examination fee), payable to "Treasurer of the United States" (See Section 97.6 of the Regulations and Rules of Practice.) Partial applications will be held in the PVPO for not more than 90 days, then returned to the applicant as unfiled. Mail application and other requirements to Plant Variety Protection Office, AMS, USDA, Room 500, NAL Building, 10301 Baltimore Avenue, Beltsville, MD 20705-2351. Retain one copy for your files. All items on the face of the application are self explanatory unless noted below. Corrections on the application form and exhibits must be initialed and dated. DO NOT use masking materials to make corrections. If a certificate is allowed, you will be requested to send a check payable to "Treasurer of the United States" in the amount of \$300 for issuance of the certificate. Certificates will be issued to owner, not licensee or agent.

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Homepage: http://www.ams.usda.gov/science/pvp.htm

## **ITEM**

- 18a. Give: (1) the genealogy, including public and commercial varieties, lines, or clones used, and the breeding method;
  - (2) the details of subsequent stages of selection and multiplication;
  - (3) evidence of uniformity and stability; and
  - (4) the type and frequency of variants during reproduction and multiplication and state how these variants may be identified.
- 18b. Give a summary of the variety's distinctness. Clearly state how this application variety may be distinguished from all other varieties in the same crop. If the new variety is most similar to one variety or a group of related varieties:
  - (1) identify these varieties and state all differences objectively;
  - (2) attach statistical data for characters expressed numerically and demonstrate that these are clear differences; and
  - (3) submit, if helpful, seed and plant specimens of photographs (prints) of seed and plant comparisons which clearly indicate distinctness.
- 18c. Exhibit C forms are available from the PVPO for most crops; specify crop kind. Fill in Exhibit C (Objective Description of Variety) form as completely as possible to describe your variety.
- 18d. Optional additional characteristics and/or photographs. Describe any additional characteristics that cannot be accurately conveyed in Exhibit C. Use comparative varieties as is necessary to reveal more accurately the characteristics that are difficult to describe, such as plant habit, plant disease resistance, etc.
- 18e. Section 52(5) of the Act required applicants to furnish a statement of the basis of the applicant's ownership. An Exhibit E form is available from the PVPO.
- 19. If "Yes" is specified (seed of this variety be sold by variety name only, as a class of certified seed), the applicant may NOT reverse this affirmative decision after the variety has been sold and so labeled, the decision published, or the certificate issued. However, if "No" has been specified, applicant may change the choice. (See Regulations and Rules of Practice, Section 7.103).
- See Sections 41, 42, and 43 of the Act and Section 97.5 of the regulations for eligibility requirements.
- 23. See Section 5.5 of the Act for instructions on claiming the benefit of an earlier filing date.
- 22. CONTINUED FROM FRONT (Please provide the date of first sale, disposition, transfer, or use for each country and the circumstances, if the variety (including any harvested material) or a hybrid produced from this variety has been sold, disposed of, transferred, or used in the U.S. or other countries.)

Nov. 1, 1999, United States

 CONTINUED FROM FRONT (Please give the country, date of filing or issuance, and assigned reference number, if the variety or any component of the variety is protected by intellectual property right (Plant Breeder's Right or Patent).

NOTES; It is the responsibility of the applicant/owner to keep the PVPO informed of any changes of address or change of ownership or assignment or owner's representative during the life of the application/certificate. There is no charge for filing a change of address. The fee for filing a change of ownership or assignment or any modification of owner's name is specified in Section 97.175 of the regulations. (See Section 101 of the Act, and Sections 97.130, 97.131, 97.175(h) of Regulations and Rules of Practice.)

To avoid conflict with other variety names in use, the applicant should check the variety names proposed by contacting: Seed Branch, AMS, USDA, Room 213, Building 306, Beltsville Agricultural Research Center.-East, Beltsville, MD 20705. Telephone: (301) 504-8089.

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## Exhibit A. Origin and Breeding History

Pedigree: PHR03/PHN46)XC8112224X

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Pioneer Line PH1BC, Zea mays L., a dent corn inbred, was developed by Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. from the single cross hybrid PHR03 (Certificate No. 9100097) X PHN46 (PVP Certificate No. 9000249) using the pedigree method of plant breeding. Varieties PHR03 and PHN46 are proprietary inbred lines of Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. Selfing was practiced from the above hybrid for 9 generations using pedigree selection. During line development, crosses were made to inbred testers for the purpose of estimating the line's combining ability. Yield trials were grown at Champaign, Illinois as well as other Pioneer research locations. After initial testing, additional hybrid combinations have been evaluated and subsequent generations of the line have been grown and hand-pollinated with observations again made for uniformity.

Variety PH1BC has shown uniformity and stability for all traits as described in Exhibit C - "Objective Description of Variety". It has been self-pollinated and ear-rowed 7 generations with careful attention paid to selection criteria and uniformity of plant type to assure genetic homozygousity and phenotypic stability. The line has been increased both by hand and in isolated fields with continued observations for uniformity and stability for 5 generations during the final stages of inbred development and seed multiplication. Very high standards for genetic purity have been established morphologically using field observations and electrophoretically using sound lab molecular marker methodology.

No variant traits have been observed or are expected in PH1BC.

The criteria used in the selection of PH1BC were yield, both per se and in hybrid combinations; late season plant health, grain quality, and kernel size, especially important in production. Other selection criteria include: ability to germinate in adverse conditions; number of tillers, especially important in production because having numerous tillers increases hybrid production costs spent on detasseling; disease and insect resistance; pollen yield and tassel size.

Exhibit A: Developmental history for PH1BC

Season/Year Pedigree Grown	Inbreeding Level of Pedigree Grown
Summer, 1989	FO
PHR03,PHN46	
Summer, 1990	F1
PHR03/PHN46	
Summer, 1992	F2
PHR03/PHN46)X	<u> </u>
Winter 1992,	F3
PHR03/PHN46)XC8	
Summer 1993,	F4
PHR03/PHN46)XC81	
Summer 1994,	F5
PHR03/PHN46)XC811	
Winter 1994,	F6
PHR03/PHN46)XC8112	
Summer 1995,	F7
PHR03/PHN46)XC81122	
Winter 1995,	F8
PHR03/PHN46)XC811222	
Summer 1996,	F9
PHR03/PHN46)XC8112224	
Winter 1996,	F10
PHR03/PHN46)XC8112224X	

<sup>\*</sup>PH1BC was selfed and ear-rowed from F3 through F9 generation.
#Uniformity and stability were established from F5 through F9 generation and beyond when seed supplies were increased.

## **Exhibit B: Novelty Statement**

Variety PH1BC mostly resembles Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. proprietary inbred line PHR03 (PVP Certificate No. 9100097). The data in Tables 1A and 1B are from paired comparisons collected primarily in Johnston and Ankeny, IA. The data in Table 2 are from paired comparisons at multiple locations grown primarily in the adapted growing area of PH1BC. The traits collectively show measurable differences between the two varieties.

Variety PH1BC has shorter ear length (12.2 cm vs 18.3 cm) than variety PHR03 (Table 1A, 1B).

Variety PH1BC has shorter husk length (21.1 cm vs 24.6 cm) than variety PHR03 (Table 1A, 1B).

Variety PH1BC reaches 50% silking (GDUSLK) sooner (1487 GDU's vs 1554 GDU's) than variety PHR03 (Table 2).

Variety PH1BC has a smaller tassel size score (TASSZ) (4.9 vs 6.0) than PHR03 (Table 2).

Variety PH1BC has a lower tassel dry weight before pollen shed (TASWT) (3.2 g vs 4.7 g) than PHR03 (Table 2).



A t-test was used to compare differences between means and the appropriate parameters have been included. It is difficult to collect standard deviations for table 2 due to the way the historical data was stored.

# **Exhibit B Novelty Statement Tables**

Table 1A: Data from Johnston and Ankeny, IA, at 2 environments in 1997, 3 environments in 1998, and 3 different environments in 1999 are supporting evidence for differences between PH1BC and PHR03. Locations had different environmental conditions. Environments had different planting dates and were in different fields.

Prob (2-tail)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.007	0.001	0.001	0.002	0.007	0.001
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t-Value Pooled	-8.16	-16.10	-9.84	-11.03	-6.04	-5.14	-24.75	-6.15	-5.25	-6.79	-3.62	-4.81	4.80	-4.49	-3.58	-5.30
DF	80	æ	80	8	8	8	8	8	æ	æ	8	8	ω	œ	8	8
StdError-2	0.872	0.200	0.245	0.583	0.707	0.800	0.200	0.678	0.632	0.400	0.678	0.678	0.200	0.200	0.663	0.245
StdEfroi-1	0.548	0.400	0.374	0.400	0.490	0.400	0.200	0.316	0.490	0.583	0.872	0.316	0.548	0.447	0.678	0.510
	1.949	0.447	0.548	1.304	1.581	1.789	0.447	1.517	1.414	0.894	1.517	1.517	0.447	0.447	1.483	0.548
StdDevation StdDevation	1.225	0.894	0.837	0.894	1.095	0.894	0.447	0.707	1.095	1.304	1.949	0.707	1.225	1.000	1.517	1.140
Mean Si Diff	-8.4	-7.2	4.4	-7.8	-5.2	4.6	-7.0	4.6	4.2	4.8	4.0	-3.6	-2.8	-2.2	-3.4	-3.0
Mean- M	19.4	18.8	16.6	19.2	18.0	18.2	18.8	17.6	26.0	26.6	22.4	24.6	23.8	24.2	24.8	24.4
Vean-In	11.0	11.6	12.2	11.4	12.8	13.6	11.8	13.0	21.8	21.8	18.4	21.0	21.0	22.0	21.4	21.4
Count 2	5	ည	2	2	2	2	2	2	5	2	2	2	5	5	2	2
Count 1	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	2	5	5	2	5	5	5	5	2
variety-2	PHR03	PHR03	PHR03	PHR03	PHR03	PHR03	PHR03	PHR03	PHR03	PHR03	PHR03	PHR03	PHR03	PHR03	PHR03	PHR03
variety-1 variety-	PH1BC	PH1BC	PH1BC	PH1BC	PH1BC	PH1BC	PH1BC	PH1BC	PH1BC	PH1BC	PH1BC	PH1BC	PH1BC	PH1BC	PH1BC	PH1BC
sır Tralis	1997 ear length (cm)	1997 ear length (cm)	1998 ear length (cm)	1998 ear length (cm)	1998 ear length (cm)	1999 ear length (cm)	1999 ear length (cm)	1999 ear length (cm)	1997 husk length (cm)	1997 husk length (cm)	1998 husk length (cm)	1998 husk length (cm)	1998 husk length (cm)	1999 husk length (cm)	1999 husk length (cm)	1999 husk length (cm)
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Table 1B: Summary data from Johnston and Ankeny, IA across environments in 1997, 1998, and 1999 are supporting evidence for differences between PH1BC and PHR03. Locations had different environmental conditions. Environments had different planting dates and were in different fields. Tables below show means broken out by year and means broken out across years.

Prob (2-tail) Pooled					0.000	
Fooled	-14.24	-11.81	-12.25	-8.77	-5.71	-7.42
peloo <sub>d</sub>	18	28	28	18	28	28
StdError-2	0.433	0.408	0.355	0.367	0.388	0.236
StdError-1	0.335	0.274	0.262	0.359	0.467	0.306
StdDeviation -2	1.370	1.580	1.373	1.160	1.502	0.915
StdDeviation -1	1.059	1.060	1.014	1.135	1.807	1.183
Mean Diff	-7.8		-5.4	4.5	-3.5	-2.9
Mean- 2	19.1	17.9	18.2	26.3	23.6	24.5
Mean- 1	İ	12.1	12.8	21.8	20.1	21.6
Count-	10	15	15	10	15	15
Count- 1	10	15	15	10	15	15
variety-	PHR03	PHR03	PH1BC PHR03	PHR03	PHR03	PHR03
variety-	PH1BC PHR03	PH1BC PHR03	PH1BC	PH1BC	PH1BC	PH1BC
Teits	1997 ear length (cm)	1998 ear length (cm)	1999 ear length (cm)	1997 husk length (cm) PH1BC PHR03	1998 husk length (cm) PH1BC PHR03	1999 husk length (cm) PH1BC PHR03
year	1997	1998	1999	1997	1998	1999

## Means broken out across years

	0	
Prob (2-tail) Pooled	0000	
t-Value Pooled	-20.49	-9.79
DF Pooled	78	78
StdError-2	0.236	0.253
StdError-1	0.186	0.253
StdDeviation -2	1.492	1.598
StdDevfation -1	1.174	1.598
Mean	-6.2	-3.5
Mean- 2	18.3	24.6
Mean- 1	12.2	21.1
Count-	40	40
Count-	40	40
- variety- 2	PH1BC PHR03	PH1BC PHR03
vanety.	PH1BC	PH1BC
Tails	ear length (cm)	husk length (cm)

Table 2. These data indicate differences between varieties PH1BC and PHR03. Data are from multiple locations and years grown primarily in the adapted growing area.

Variety 1 = PH1BC Variety 2 = PHR03

		ety 2 = PH	KUS	
Variety 1	PH1BC			
Variety 2	PHR03			
		GDU	TAS	TAS
	VAR	SLK	SZ	WT
YEAR	#	ABS	ABS	ABS
1995	1	1462	4.4	
	2	1568	6.7	
	LOCS	17	7	
	PROB	.000#	.001#	
1996	1	1507	4.9	
	2	1564	5.9	
	LOCS	17	14	
	PROB	.009#	.001#	
1997	1	1475	5.3	3.4
	2	1551	6.2	5.3
	LOCS	29	13	3
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1998	1	1517	4.8	
	2	1569	6.0	
	LOCS	30	17	
	PROB	.000#	.003#	
	···			
1999	1	1481	4.9	3.2
	2	1541	5.7	4.5
	LOCS	64	38	8
	PROB	.000#	.000#	.000#
TOTAL SUM	1	1487	4.9	3.2
	2	1554	6.0	4.7
	LOCS	157	89	11
	DIFF	67	1.1	1.5
t-test	PROB	.000#	.000#	.000#

## **DEFINITIONS**

In the description and examples, a number of terms are used herein. In order to provide a clear and consistent understanding of the specification and claims, including the scope to be given such terms, the following definitions are provided:

**ANT ROT** = **ANTHRACNOSE STALK ROT** (Colletotrichum graminicola).

A 1 to 9 visual rating indicating the resistance to Anthracnose Stalk Rot. A higher score indicates a higher resistance.

**BAR PLT** = **BARREN PLANTS.** 

The percent of plants per plot that were not barren (lack ears).

**BRT STK** = **BRITTLE STALKS.** 

This is a measure of the stalk breakage near the time of pollination, and is an indication of whether a hybrid or inbred would snap or break near the time of flowering under severe winds. Data are presented as percentage of plants that did not snap.

BU ACR = YIELD (BUSHELS/ACRE).

Yield of the grain at harvest in bushels per acre adjusted to 15.5% moisture.

CLD TST = COLD TEST.

The percent of plants that germinate under cold test conditions.

CLN = CORN LETHAL NECROSIS.

Synergistic interaction of maize chlorotic mottle virus (MCMV) in combination with either maize dwarf mosaic virus (MDMV-A or MDMV-B) or wheat streak mosaic virus (WSMV). A 1 to 9 visual rating indicating the resistance to Corn Lethal Necrosis. A higher score indicates a higher resistance.

**COM RST** = **COMMON RUST** (*Puccinia sorghi*).

A 1 to 9 visual rating indicating the resistance to Common Rust. A higher score indicates a higher resistance.

**DIP ERS** = **DIPLODIA EAR MOLD SCORES** (Diplodia maydis and Diplodia macrospora).

A 1 to 9 visual rating indicating the resistance to Diplodia Ear Mold. A higher score indicates a higher resistance.

DRP EAR = DROPPED EARS.

A measure of the number of dropped ears per plot and represents the percentage of plants that did not drop ears prior to harvest.

EAR HT = EAR HEIGHT.

The ear height is a measure from the ground to the highest placed developed ear node attachment and is measured in cm.

EAR MLD = GENERAL EAR MOLD.

Visual rating (1-9 score) where a "1" is very susceptible and a "9" is very resistant. This is based on overall rating for ear mold of mature ears without determining the specific mold organism, and may not be predictive for a specific ear mold.

EAR SZ = EAR SIZE.

A 1 to 9 visual rating of ear size. The higher the rating the larger the ear size.

ECB 1LF = EUROPEAN CORN BORER FIRST GENERATION LEAF FEEDING (Ostrinia nubilalis).

A 1 to 9 visual rating indicating the resistance to preflowering leaf feeding by first generation European Corn Borer. A higher score indicates a higher resistance.

ECB 2IT = EUROPEAN CORN BORER SECOND GENERATION INCHES OF TUNNELING (Ostrinia nubilalis).

Average inches of tunneling per plant in the stalk.

**ECB 2SC** = **EUROPEAN CORN BORER SECOND GENERATION** (Ostrinia nubilalis).

A 1 to 9 visual rating indicating post flowering degree of stalk breakage and other evidence of feeding by European Corn Borer, Second Generation 2 4 2 higher score indicates a higher resistance.

ECB DPE = EUROPEAN CORN BORER DROPPED EARS (Ostrinia nubilalis).

Dropped ears due to European Corn Borer. Percentage of plants that did not drop ears under second generation corn borer infestation.

EGRWTH = EARLY GROWTH.

This is the visual rating (1 to 9) of the amount of vegetative growth after emergence at the seedling stage (approximately five leaves). A higher score indicates better vigor or early season growth.

EST CNT = EARLY STAND COUNT.

This is a measure of the stand establishment in the spring and represents the number of plants that emerge on per plot basis for the inbred or hybrid.

EYE SPT = EYE SPOT (Kabatiella zeae or Aureobasidium zeae).

A 1 to 9 visual rating indicating the resistance to Eye Spot. A higher score indicates a higher resistance.

**FUS ERS** = **FUSARIUM EAR ROT SCORE.** (Fusarium moniliforme or Fusarium subglutinans).

A 1 to 9 visual rating indicating the resistance to Fusarium ear rot. A higher score indicates a higher resistance.

GDU = GROWING DEGREE UNITS.

Using the Barger Heat Unit Theory, which assumes that maize growth occurs in the temperature range 50°F - 86°F and that temperatures outside this range slow down growth; the maximum daily heat unit accumulation is 36 and the minimum daily heat unit accumulation is 0. The seasonal accumulation of GDU is a major factor in determining maturity zones.

GDU SHD = GDU TO SHED.

The number of growing degree units (GDUs) or heat units required for an inbred line or hybrid to have approximately 50 percent of the plants shedding pollen and is measured from the time of planting. Growing degree units are calculated by the Barger Method, where the heat units for a 24-hour period are:

GDU = (Max. Temp. + Min. temp.) - 50/2

The highest maximum temperature used is 86° F. and the lowest minimum temperature used is 50°F. For each inbred or hybrid it takes a certain number of GDUs to reach various stages of plant development.

GDU SLK = GDU TO SILK.

The number of growing degree units required for an inbred line or hybrid to have approximately 50 percent of the plants with silk emergence from time of planting. Growing degree units are calculated by the Barger Method as given in GDU SHD definition.

GIBERS = GIBBERELLA EAR ROT (PINK MOLD) (Gibberella zeae).

A 1 to 9 visual rating indicating the resistance to Gibberella Ear Rot. A higher score indicates a higher resistance.

**GLF SPT** = **GRAY LEAF SPOT** (*Cercospora zeae-maydis*).

A 1 to 9 visual rating indicating the resistance to Gray Leaf Spot. A higher score indicates a higher resistance.

GOS WLT = GOSS' WILT (Corynebacterium nebraskense).

A 1 to 9 visual rating indicating the resistance to Goss' Wilt. A higher score indicates a higher resistance.

**GRN APP** = **GRAIN APPEARANCE.** 

This is a 1 to 9 rating for the general appearance of the shelled grain as it is harvested based on such factors as the color of harvested grain, any mold on the grain, and any cracked grain. High scores indicate good grain quality.

HC BLT = HELMINTHOSPORIUM CARBONUM LEAF BLIGHT (Helminthosporium carbonum).

A 1 to 9 visual rating indicating the resistance to Helminthosporium infection. A higher score indicates a higher resistance.

**HD SMT** = **HEAD SMUT** (Sphacelotheca reiliana).

This score indicates the percentage of plants not infected.

**KER KG** = **KERNELS PER KILOGRAM.** 

The number of kernels per 1 kilogram of seed after discard is removed.

**KSZ DCD** = **KERNEL SIZE DISCARD.** 

The percent of discard seed; calculated as the sum of discarded tip kernels and extra large kernels.

**MDM CPX** = **MAIZE DWARF MOSAIC COMPLEX** (MDMV = Maize Dwarf Mosaic Virus and MCDV = Maize Chlorotic Dwarf Virus).

A 1 to 9 visual rating indicating the resistance to Maize Dwarf Mosaic Complex. A higher score indicates a higher resistance.

MST = HARVEST MOISTURE.

The moisture is the actual percentage moisture of the grain at harvest.

NLF BLT = NORTHERN LEAF BLIGHT (Helminthosporium turcicum or Exserohilum turcicum).

A 1 to 9 visual rating indicating the resistance to Northern Leaf Blight. A higher score indicates a higher resistance.

PLT HT = PLANT HEIGHT.

This is a measure of the height of the plant from the ground to the tip of the tassel in cm.

POL SC = POLLEN SCORE.

A 1 to 9 visual rating indicating the amount of pollen shed. The higher the score the more pollen shed.

**POL WT** = **POLLEN WEIGHT.** 

This is calculated by dry weight of tassels collected as shedding commences minus dry weight from similar tassels harvested after shedding is complete.

PRM = PREDICTED RELATIVE MATURITY.

This trait, predicted relative maturity, is based on the harvest moisture of the grain. The relative maturity rating is based on a known set of checks and utilizes standard linear regression analyses and is also referred to as the Comparative Relative Maturity Rating System that is similar to the Minnesota Relative Maturity Rating System.

PRM SHD = PREDICTED RELATIVE MATURITY GDU TO SHED.

A relative measure of the growing degree units (GDU) required to reach 50% pollen shed. Relative values are predicted values from the linear regression of observed GDU's on relative maturity of commercial checks.

RT LDG = ROOT LODGING.

Root lodging is the percentage of plants that do not root lodge; plants that lean from the vertical axis at an approximately 30° angle or greater would be counted as root lodged.

SCT GRN = SCATTER GRAIN.

A 1 to 9 visual rating indicating the amount of scatter grain (lack of pollination or kernel abortion) on the ear. The higher the score the less scatter grain.

SEL IND = SELECTION INDEX.

The selection index gives a single measure of the hybrid's worth based on information for up to five traits. A maize breeder may utilize his or her own set of traits for the selection index. One of the traits that is almost always included is yield. When selection index data is presented, the tables represent the mean value averaged across testing stations.

SLF BLT = SOUTHERN LEAF BLIGHT (Helminthosporium maydis or Bipolaris maydis).

A 1 to 9 visual rating indicating the resistance to Southern Leaf Blight. A higher score indicates a higher resistance.

**SOU RST** = **SOUTHERN RUST** (*Puccinia polysora*).

A 1 to 9 visual rating indicating the resistance to Southern Rust. A higher score indicates a higher resistance.

STAGRN = STAYGREEN.

Staygreen is the measure of plant health near the time of black layer formation (physiological maturity). A high score indicates better late-season plant health.

STK CNT = NUMBER OF PLANTS.

This is the final stand or number of plants per plot.

STK LDG. = STALK LODGING.

This is the percentage of plants that did not stalk lodge (stalk breakage) as measured by either natural lodging or pushing the stalks and determining the percentage of plants that break below the ear.

**STW WLT** = **STEWART'S WILT** (*Erwinia stewartii*).

A 1 to 9 visual rating indicating the resistance to Stewart's Wilt. A higher score indicates a higher resistance.

TASBRN = TASSEL BRANCHES.

This is the number of primary tassel branches.

TAS SZ = TASSEL SIZE.

A 1 to 9 visual rating was used to indicate the relative size of the tassel. The higher the rating the larger the tassel.

TAS WT = TASSEL WEIGHT.

This is the average weight of a tassel (grams) just prior to pollen shed.

TEX EAR = EAR TEXTURE.

A 1 to 9 visual rating was used to indicate the relative hardness (smoothness of crown) of mature grain. A 1 would be very soft (extreme dent) while a 9 would be very hard (flinty or very smooth crown).

TILLER = TILLERS.

A count of the number of tillers per plot that could possibly shed pollen was taken. Data are given as a percentage of tillers: number of tillers per plot divided by number of plants per plot.

TST WT = TEST WEIGHT (UNADJUSTED).

The measure of the weight of the grain in pounds for a given volume (bushel).

YLD SC = YIELD SCORE.

A 1 to 9 visual rating was used to give a relative rating for yield based on plot ear piles. The higher the rating the greater visual yield appearance.

plies were increased.

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## Objective Description of Variety Corn (Zea mays L.)

Name of Ap	oplicant (s)		Variety Seed Source	Variety	y Name or Temporary Designation
		ernational, Inc.			PH1BC
Address (St	reet & No. or R	FD No., City, State, Zip Code and	Country	FOR OFFICIAL USE	1
			Country	TOR OTTICE ES COE	J
		ie, P.O. Box 85,		PVP0 Number	
	1, Iowa 5013				
Leading ze Necessary	roes if necessary for an adequate v		for to establish an adequate va mpleted.	riety description. Traits	Right justify whole numbers by adding designated by an '*' are considered in Comments section):
01=Light G	reen	06=Pale Yellow	11=Pink	16=Pale Purple	21=Buff
02=Medium	Green	07=Yellow	12=Light Red	17=Purple	22=Tan
03=Dark Gr	reen	08=Yellow Orange	13=Cherry Red	18=Colorless	23=Brown
04=Very Da	ark Green	09=Salmon	14=Red	19=White	24=Bronze
05=Green-Y	<i>Yellow</i>	10=Pink-Orange	15=Red & White	20=White Capped	25=Variegated (Describe) 26=Other (Describe)
STANDAR	D INBRED CHO	DICES			
(Use the mo	st similar (in bac	ckground and maturity) of these to	make comparisons based on g	row-out trial data):	
Yellow Den	t Families:		Yellow Dent (Unrelated):	Sweet Co	orn:
Family	Members		Co109, ND246,	C13, Io	wa5125, P39, 2132
B14	CM105, A632,	B64, B68	Oh7, T232,		
B37	B37, B76, H84		W117, W153R,	Popcorn:	
B73	N192, A679, B	73, NC268	W18BN	SG1533	3, 4722, HP301, HP7211
C103	Mo17, Va102,	Va35, A682			
Oh43	A619, MS71, H	199, Va26	White Dent:	Pipecorn	:
WF9	W64A, A554, A	A654, Pa91	C166, H105, Ky228	Mo15W	, Mo16W, Mo24W

Groups on Lynx/Osborn/Grunst/98-99PVP

1. TYPE: (d	escribe intermediate types in Comments section):			Standa	rd Variety	Name			
2 1=Sweet 2=Dent 3=Flint 4=Flour 5=Pop 6=Ornamental						<u>B73</u>			
2. REGION WHERE DEVELOPED IN THE U.S.A.:						Standard Seed Source			
	Northwest 2=Northcentral 3=Northeast 4=Southeast 5=Sou Southwest 7=Other <u>Central Corn Belt Southeast Southwest</u>			<u> </u>	PI 550473	<u> </u>			
3. MATUR	ITY (In Region of Best Adaptability; show Heat Unit formula in	'Comments' se	ection)						
DAYS	HEAT UNITS			DAYS	HEAT UN				
<u>076</u>	1.474.8 From emergence to 50% of plants in silk			<u>074</u>	<u>1.434.3</u>	•			
<u>077</u>	1.489.4 From emergence to 50% of plants in pollen			<u>074</u>	<u>1,420.8</u>				
<u>003</u>	0.076.0 From 10% to 90% pollen shed			003	<u>0,071.0</u>				
	From 50% silk to optimum edible quality			}					
	From 50% silk to harvest at 25% moisture			074	<u>1,475.8</u>				
4. PLANT:		Standard	Sample		Standard	Sampl			
		Deviation	Size	[	Deviation	Size			
<u>239.4</u>	cm Plant Height (to tassel tip)	<u>16.43</u>	<u>08</u>	222.8	<u>17.29</u>	<u>08</u>			
<u>077.4</u>	cm Ear Height (to base of top ear node)	<u>08.75</u>	<u>08</u>	<u>090.1</u>	<u>11.83</u>	<u>08</u>			
<u>016.8</u>	cm Length of Top Ear Internode	<u>02.07</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>015.9</u>	<u>01.71</u>	<u>08</u>			
0.0	Average Number of Tillers	00.02	<u>08</u>	0.0	<u>00.02</u>	<u>08</u>			
<u>1.2</u>	Average Number of Ears per Stalk	<u>00.49</u>	<u>08</u>	<u>1.0</u>	00.06	<u>08</u>			
2	Anthocyanin of Brace Roots: 1=Absent 2=Faint 3=Moderate	4=Dark		4					
5. LEAF:		Standard	Sample		Standard	Sample			
		Deviation	Size	1	Deviation	Size			
<u>10.6</u>	cm Width of Ear Node Leaf	<u>01.12</u>	<u>08</u>	09.3	<u>00.58</u>	<u>08</u>			
<u>80.4</u>	cm Length of Ear Node Leaf	<u>07.09</u>	<u>08</u>	<u>84.2</u>	<u>06.27</u>	<u>08</u>			
<u>06</u>	Number of leaves above top ear	<u>00.67</u>	<u>08</u>	<u>06</u>	<u>01.03</u>	<u>80</u>			
	Degrees Leaf Angle (measure from 2nd leaf above ear at anthesis to stalk above leaf)	<u>14.56</u>	<u>08</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>16.32</u>	<u>08</u>			
<u>03</u>	Leaf Color (Munsell code) 5GY34			<u>03</u>	<u>5G</u>	<u> Y34</u>			
<u>1</u>	eaf Sheath Pubescence (Rate on scale from 1=none to 9=like	peach fuzz)		1					
<u>5</u>	Marginal Waves (Rate on scale from 1=none to 9=many)			<u>5</u>					
<u>8</u> i	ongitudinal Creases (Rate on scale from 1=none to 9=many)			<u>6</u>					
6. TASSEL	:	Standard	Sample	:	Standard	Sampl			
		Deviation	Size	[	Deviation	Size			
<u>08</u>	Number of Primary Lateral Branches	<u>02.69</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>07</u>	<u>00.40</u>	<u>80</u>			
<u>22</u>	Branch Angle from Central Spike	04.71	<u>08</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>06.29</u>	<u>08</u>			
<u>55.3</u>	cm Tassel Length (from top leaf collar to tassel tip)	<u>05.75</u>	<u>08</u>	<u>55.9</u>	<u>02.10</u>	<u>08</u>			
	Pollen Shed (rate on scale from 0=male sterile to 9=heavy she			<u>6</u>					
07	Anther Color (Munsell code) 10Y96			<u>07</u>	<u>5</u> Y	<u>8.54</u>			
<u>01</u>	Glume Color (Munsell code) 5GY68			<u>01</u>	<u>5G</u>	<u>Y56</u>			
	Bar Glumes (Glume Bands): 1=Absent 2=Present			1					
				Standar					

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7a. EAR (	Unhusked Data):						
<u>01</u>	Silk Color (3 days after emergence) (Munsell code)	Silk Color (3 days after emergence) (Munsell code) 2.5GY86					
<u>01</u>	Fresh Husk Color (25 days after 50% silking) (Munsell code	resh Husk Color (25 days after 50% silking) (Munsell code) 5GY68					
<u>21</u>	Dry Husk Color (65 days after 50% silking) (Munsell code)		2.5GY92	<u>01</u> <u>21</u>	<u>5GY</u> 2.5Y8		
<u>2</u>	Position of Ear at Dry Husk Stage: 1= Upright 2= Horizonta	l 3= Pendant		<u>2</u>			
<u>6</u>	Husk Tightness (Rate of Scale from 1=very loose to 9=very	tight)		<u>8</u>			
<u>2</u>	Husk Extension (at harvest): 1=Short (ears exposed) 2=Med	dium (<8 cm)		3			
	3=Long (8-10 cm beyond ear tip) 4=Very Long (>10 cm)			_			
7b. EAR	(Husked Ear Data):	Standard	Sample	Stand	ard	Sampl	
		Deviation	Size	Devia	tion	Size	
<u>12.3</u>	cm Ear Length	<u>01.04</u>	<u>08</u>	<u>14.3</u> 00	.89	<u>08</u>	
<u>42.3</u>	mm Ear Diameter at mid-point	<u>01.39</u>	<u>08</u>	<u>45.3</u> 01	<u>.98</u>	<u>08</u>	
<u>105.1</u>	gm Ear Weight	<u>14.06</u>	<u>08</u>	<u>114.9</u> <u>19</u>	<u>.82</u>	<u>08</u>	
<u>14</u>	Number of Kernel Rows	<u>01.07</u>	<u>08</u>	<u>17.3</u> 01	.04	<u>08</u>	
<u>2</u>	Kernel Rows: 1=Indistinct 2=Distinct			<u>2</u>			
1	Row Alignment: 1=Straight 2=Slightly Curved 3=Spiral			1			
<u>11.6</u>	cm Shank Length	<u>01.69</u>	<u>08</u>	<u>10.1</u> 02	<u>.64</u>	<u>08</u>	
<u>2</u>	Ear Taper: 1=Slight 2= Average 3=Extreme			1 1			
8. KERNEL (Dried)		Standard	Sample	Standard	j	Sampl	
		Deviation	Size	Deviation	า	Size	
<u>11.4</u>	mm Kernel Length	<u>00.52</u>	<u>08</u>	<u>11.0 00.</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>08</u>	
<u>8.80</u>	mm Kemel Width	<u>00.46</u>	<u>08</u>	<u>07.5</u> <u>00.</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>08</u>	
<u>05.0</u>	mm Kernel Thickness	00.53	<u>08</u>	<u>04.5</u> <u>00.</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>08</u>	
<u>52.9</u>	% Round Kernels (Shape Grade)	<u>17.01</u>	<u>08</u>	<u>28.5</u> <u>14.</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>08</u>	
1 4	Aleurone Color Pattern: 1-Homozygous 2=Segregating	· ·		1			
<u>07</u> .	Aluerone Color (Munsell code)	1.2	5Y712	<u>07</u>	2.5Y8	<u>312</u>	
<u>07</u>	Hard Endosperm Color (Munsell code)	<u>1.2</u>	5Y714	<u>07</u>	2.5Y8	<u>312</u>	
<u>03</u> I	Endosperm Type:			<u>3</u>			
	1=Sweet (Su1) 2=Extra Sweet (sh2) 3=Normal Starch 4=High Amylose Starch 5=Waxy Starch 6=High Protein 7=High Lysine 8=Super Sweet (se) 9=High Oil 10=Other						
<u>34.8</u> (	gm Weight per 100 Kernels (unsized sample)	03.69	<u>80</u>	<u>26.13</u> <u>02</u> .	<u>42</u>	<u>08</u>	
9. COB:		Standard	Sample	Stan	dard	Sampl	
		Deviation	Size		ation	Size	
<u>23.3</u> n	nm Cob Diameter at mid-point	<u>00.71</u>	<u>08</u>	28.0 <u>01</u>	.07	<u>80</u>	
	Cob Color (Munsell code) 10R46	<del></del> -		14	10F		

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	RESISTANCE (Rate from 1 (most susceptible) to 9 (most resistant); if not tested; leave Race or Strain Options blank if polygenic):		
	Blights, Wilts, and Local Infection Diseases		
	Anthracnose Leaf Blight (Colletotrichum graminicola)		
<u>6</u>	Common Rust (Puccinia sorghi)	<u>7</u>	
	Common Smut (Ustilago maydis)		
	Eyespot (Kabatiella zeae)		
	Goss's Wilt (Clavibacter michiganense spp. nebraskense)		
<u>5</u>	Gray Leaf Spot (Cercospora zeae-maydis)	<u>3</u>	
	Helminthosporium Leaf Spot (Bipolaris zeicola) Race		
<u>7</u>	Northern Leaf Blight (Exserohilum turcicum) Race ———	3	
<u>5</u>	Southern Leaf Blight (Bipolaris maydis) Race ——	<u>3</u>	
<u>4</u>	Southern Rust (Puccinia polysora)	<u>3</u>	
<u>6</u>	Stewart's Wilt (Erwinia stewartii)	4	
	Other (Specify) ———		
B. Syster	nic Diseases		
	Corn Lethal Necrosis (MCMV and MDMV)		
Z	Head Smut (Sphacelotheca reiliana)	<u>6</u>	
_	Maize Chlorotic Dwarf Virus (MDV)	_	
	Maize Chlorotic Mottle Virus (MCMV)		
<u>3</u>	Maize Dwarf Mosaic Virus (MDMV)	<u>3</u>	
_	Sorghum Downy Mildew of Corn (Peronosclerospora sorghi)	_	
	Other (Specify) ———		
C. Stalk F	Rots		
<u>4</u>	Anthropping Stalk Bot (Calletotriahum graminiagla)	2	
2	Anthracnose Stalk Rot (Colletotrichum graminicola)  Diplodia Stalk Rot (Stenocarpella maydis)	<u>3</u>	
	Fusarium Stalk Rot (Fusarium moniliforme)		
	Gibberella Stalk Rot (Gibberella zeae) Other (Specify) ———		
	Other (Specify)		
D. Ear an	d Kernel Rots		
	Aspergillus Ear and Kernel Rot (Aspergillus flavus)		
<u>2</u>	Diplodia Ear Rot (Stenocarpella maydis)	2	
<u>4</u>	Fusarium Ear and Kernel Rot (Fusarium moniliforme)	<u>7</u>	
	Gibberella Ear Rot (Gibberella zeae)		
	Other (Specify) ——		
		1	

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Please note the data presented in Exhibit C, "Objective Description of Variety," are collected primarily at Johnston and Ankeny, Iowa. The data in Exhibit B are from comparisons of inbreds grown in the same tests in the adapted growing area of PH1BC and in Johnston and Ankeny, IA. The data in Tables 1A and 1B are from paired comparisons collected in Johnston and Ankeny, IA. The data in Table 2 are from paired comparisons grown primarily in the adapted growing area of PH1BC. These traits collectively show distinct differences between the two varieties.

The data collected in exhibit C were collected from environments in 1997, 1998 and 1999 for page 1 and 2. There are factors that differ from environment to environment. The environments had different planting dates. Environmental temperature and precipitation differences during the vegetative and grain fill periods can impact plant and grain traits and be a source of variability. These data are mostly based on 5 plants measured at each location. There often is more variability associated with year to year or environment to environment factors than within locations. Please see Table 3 for average temperature and rainfall information in 1997, 1998, 1999.

A paired comparison is used to make the best comparisons possible. Some differences can result simply due to the fact that the public check variety 'B73' is included in more years of testing along with the PVP variety being filed. Variety PH1BC had more years of paired data available for page 1 and 2 of exhibit C than variety PH3DT. For page 3 and 4 the paired data available from our disease, entomology and disease trials differed for each application listed.

Table 3. Temperature and Rainfall

## TEMPERATURE

YEAR	MAY	JUN	JULY	AUG	AVERAGE
1994	59.8	70.7	71.9	69.0	67.9
1995	56.2	69.4	74.3	76.9	69.2
1996	56.2	69.3	71.3	70.5	66.8
1997	53.5	70.6	74.1	69.6	67.0
1998	64.7	66.6	74.8	73.5	69.9
1999	60.7	69.7	78.7	70.5	69.9

## **RAINFALL**

YEAR	MAY	JUN	JULY	AUG	Total
1994	3.67	5.75	1.71	4.18	15.31
1995	5.04	4.19	2.94	2.87	15.04
1996	8.47	4.35	2.51	2.14	17.47
1997	4.32	3.27	4.10	1.36	13.05
1998	6.46	11.07	5.70	4.96	28.19
1999	6.46	4.54	4.45	6.55	21.85

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	OR EXPERIMENTAL NUMBER	PH1BC
4 .ADDRESS (Street and No., or R.F.D. No., City, State, and ZIP, and Country)	5. TELEPHONE (include area code)	6. FAX (include area code)
7301 NW 62 <sup>nd</sup> AVENUE	515-270-4051	515-253-2125
P.O.BOX 85	7. PVPO NUMBER	
JOHNSTON, IA 50131-0085	2000	00242
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3. If the applicant is an owner who is not the original owner, both the original owner a	and the applicant must meet one of the above co	riteria.
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